

**BORAH CHARGE
FLATLY DENIED
BY CANDIDATES**

Wood Manager Brands Remarks as "Last Stand of The Old Guard."

LOWDEN SENDS REPLY

Illinois Governor Demands Showdown of Campaign Expenses.

Columbus, Ohio, March 27.—Campaign managers of Gen. Wood today denied the charges of lavish expenditures against the Wood organization and branded the charges as the "last stand of the old guard" in its effort to choke the Wood boom.

William Cooper Procter, Wood national campaign manager, answered charges made by Borah on the floor of the Senate with respect to expenditures of the Wood organization.

"Any money used in furtherance of Wood's campaign," said Procter, "has been expended openly for perfectly legal publicity in the presentation of the merits of our candidate to the rank and file in primary States, and not one cent has gone for corrupt purpose."

Lowden Replies by Wire.

Chicago, March 27.—Showdown of expenses of Presidential candidates is demanded in Governor Frank O. Lowden's answer to charges that he with other candidates was spending lavishly in their efforts to capture delegates to the G. O. P. national convention.

Lowden's answer to the charges was contained in a telegram to Senator Borah of Idaho, who made charges against him, Gen. Leonard Wood and Democrats.

Eyes Now on Michigan.

Detroit, Mich., March 27.—Candidates for the Presidential nomination were watching Michigan closely today. Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood and Senator Miles Polinder con-

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**TRAIN WRECK
LAID TO PLOT**

Southern Railroad Officials Declare Switch Tamped With in Georgia.

Macon, Ga., March 27.—That the wreck of the Royal Palm Limited, northbound, from Jacksonville to Chicago, on the Southern Railroad, near Adams Park, Ga., yesterday, was the work of train wreckers, was the statement here today by railroad officials.

Special investigators declared the switch at Elrick Spur, where the wreck occurred, had been tampered with, indicating that the derailment was deliberately planned.

An all steel train, together with the fact that the train was running slowly at the time of the accident, prevented a heavy casualty list, officials state. Two trainmen were killed. No passengers were injured.

Special agents reported that a late night train passed safely over the switch a short time before the Royal Palm was wrecked, and that no cars had been placed on the spur track during the night. This report, officials said, strengthened the theory that the derailment was the work of train wreckers.

**LYE FLUNG IN FACE
OF PEACE ARBITER**

Richmond, Va., March 27.—But for the fact that he was wearing glasses and a broad-brimmed hat pulled down over his face, Absalom B. Laughon, vice president and general manager of Miller and Rhoads, Inc., would probably have been blinded when a negro woman threw a can of concentrated lye at him when he undertook to quell a row between her and her cook in the back yard of his home in Barton Heights.

The glasses and the hat brim saved his eyesight, but his lips were severely burned by the lye. Mattie Lewis, his alleged assailant, was held on the charge of assaulting him with a deadly poison with intent to kill. Lizzie Booker, colored, was taken into custody charged with trespass.

**MT. VESUVIUS GOES
ON RAMPAGE AGAIN**

Rome, March 27.—Mount Vesuvius is in eruption again. No reports have been received of damage or loss of life.

**Discover Missing Son
Of Millionaire in Jail**

San Francisco, March 27.—The police announced today they had identified an 18-year-old boy in the city prison here as Harry Gidon, son of a New York millionaire.

The Gidon boy is said to have disappeared more than a year ago. A \$500 reward for him is still standing. The boy in jail here is said by the police to be a wreck from the drug habit.

**Janitor-Senator
Opposes Suffrage**

WALLACE F. HANDY, Chief Janitor in the Senate wing of the National Capitol, has resigned to return to Dover, Del., and cast his vote as State Senator against the Woman's Suffrage amendment. Handy was elected to the Delaware State Senate in 1918, and his term expires in 1922. His health failed him and he left Dover and came here, where he became a chief janitor at the Capitol.

**TROOPS THROG
DUBLIN AS NEW
CRIMES OCCUR**

Prominent Sinn Fein Leader Murdered in Home by Masked Men.

Dublin, March 27.—James McCarthy, prominent Sinn Fein leader at Thurles, was shot and killed in his home today.

Masked men broke into McCarthy's home at 1:30 a. m., entered his bedroom and shot him. The crime was believed to be in revenge for the murder of a policeman who recently was killed at Thurles.

Sinn Fein leaders in Dublin said the latest murder in Ireland's growing list of crime was additional proof of their belief that an organized band of anti-Sinn Fein terrorists has been organized to intimidate the society.

Soldiers Control City. They pointed to the similarity between McCarthy's death and the recent murder of Lord Mayor Thomas MacCurran, of Cork. MacCurran, also a prominent Sinn Fein leader, was killed in almost identical the same way that McCarthy met his death.

Dublin presented the appearance of an occupied city today, following the murder of Alan Bell, magistrate of Dublin Castle, yesterday.

Military activity was greater than at any time since the rebellion. Numerous additional troops have arrived. Tanks, armored cars and motor lorries moved through the downtown streets.

**SHIPS MISSING;
FEAR 142 LOST**

French in Dirigible Search For Vessels Believed to Have Sunk.

Paris, March 27.—The dirigible AU-9 today sought trace of the French steamers Lux and Vidauan, believed to have sunk with 142 passengers while en route from Algeria to Marseilles.

A wireless from the tug Milon today said wreckage believed to be that of the Lux was discovered.

The Vidauan was a steamer of 1,135 tons, built in 1881, owned by the French National Railways and registered at Marseilles. Lloyd's do not list a steamer Lux.

**Lady Astor Opposes Release
Of Hunger-Striking Irishmen**

(Washington Herald-Public Ledger Service, Special Cable Dispatch.)

London, March 27.—Lady Astor timorously entered into the vortex of the Irish debate in the House of Commons today. The question under discussion was the release of Alderman William O'Brien, secretary of the Irish Trade Union Congress, who had been arrested and imprisoned in England without a trial.

Appeals were made for his release, as his life was imperiled by reason of the fact that he was hunger-striking. The discussion, however, arose just at the moment when news had been broken in the House of Commons that a tramway car of Alan Bell. Consequently the

**GET TOGETHER
SUFF MEETING
ENDS IN ROW**

Delaware Republican Chairman and Anti Leader Bolts "Peace Session."

GATHERING IS STORMY

Blows Barely Averted Between Layton and Robertson, Suffrage Chief.

Dover, Dela., March 27.—Daniel J. Layton, Republican State chairman and leader of the antisuffrage forces of the Delaware legislature, bolted a committee meeting held last night for the purpose of getting the warring factions together, after a sharp tilt with Senator Robertson, suffrage leader, in which a physical encounter was only prevented by friends. The meeting broke up in disorder, and it is problematical whether there will be another attempt to get together before the vote is taken next Tuesday or Wednesday.

May Appeal to Legislature.

Norwalk, Conn., March 27.—Connecticut women were determined today to carry direct to the legislature their fight for a special session of that body to ratify the Federal woman suffrage amendment.

They will appeal to the legislators to assemble without Gov. Holcomb's formal call should the latter persist in his refusal to summon the legislature after officially receiving the resolution requesting such action, adopted at the Republican State convention Wednesday.

Mrs. Helen Hill Weed, of this city, speaking for Miss Alice Paul, National Chairman of the National Woman's Party, declared today that the State constitution permits the legislature to meet in extra session, thus taking issue with several officials.

No Emergency, Is Claim.

Holcomb's objection to summoning a special session was that he may not do so except in an emergency, and that no emergency exists. Suffragists contend an emergency arises from the fact that Delaware may not ratify the amendment in its present special legislative session, thus postponing enactment of the amendment until after the Presidential elections, unless Connecticut makes the thirty-sixth and deciding State.

**TURK LOSS 5000
IN FRENCH FRAY**

Defeat at Marash Followed By Numerous Brigand Fights.

(Washington Herald-Public Ledger Service, Cable Dispatch.)

London, March 27.—The Turks lost 5,000 men in attacking the French at Marash, Cilicia, where the recent Armenian massacres occurred, according to news reaching London.

Other heavy engagements are reported between Mustafa Kemal's nationalist irregulars and the French. The railways from Aleppo to Adana are blocked by nationalists who are reported to be stirring up feeling against the French. Throughout the country fighting with brigands is taking place on a large scale.

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**ANTHRACITE MINERS
ARGUE FOR INCREASE**

New York, March 27.—Operators of the anthracite fields in a conference today with miners' union representatives declared the mine workers' demand for a 60 per cent wage increase was exorbitant.

One of the chief arguments of the miners was that their pay is 45.7 per cent lower than that received by the bituminous miners. The operators answered this with the statement that steeper work all year round in the anthracite fields equalizes their earnings.

temper of the government members was somewhat strained. Bonar Law said:

"The government has given anxious consideration to the matter and they have definitely decided that they will not release him even if he should in consequence commit suicide by refusing to take food."

T. F. O'Connor asked if it were not the case that, when the suffragettes went on a hunger strike, the home secretary, however strongly he might have resented the conduct of the suffragettes, released the hunger strikers before they should die.

At this moment Lady Astor imposed with the remark: "May I say that the suffragettes

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**Biddle Regains
Sight by Skill
Of Dr. Wilmer**

Hopes to Leave Episcopal Hospital Soon Completely Cured.

Livingston L. Drexel Biddle, son of Maj. Anthony Drexel Biddle, of Philadelphia, hopes within a few weeks to leave the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital in Washington with the sight in his left eye completely restored.

He lost the power of vision in it several months ago and has ever since been under treatment of Dr. W. H. Wilmer, noted Washington oculist, who relieved the affliction which was depriving Viscount Grey of his sight.

A delicate operation was performed ten days ago upon Mr. Biddle's eye, one rare in the history of optical surgery, which seems so far to have been highly successful. It involved an adjustment of both the nerves and the retina of the eye, and though the operation was extremely delicate with only one chance in a thousand of success it was the "only expedient" that remained.

Biddle lost the sight of his eye shortly after taking part in a Marine Corps rifle match. The primary cause of the affliction is said to have been due to a detachment of the retina, which prevented the eye from focusing at all. In some cases of this sort it has been possible to remedy the condition by keeping the patient on his back for a long period of time and allowing the separated parts to heal up. This was tried in Mr. Biddle's case, but did not bring about the desired results, so that an operation was resorted to.

At the hospital it was said yesterday that Mr. Biddle could not see any visitors yet except members of his immediate family. Mrs. Anthony Drexel Biddle and Mr. Biddle's fiancée, Miss Agnes Newlin, niece of Rear Admiral William S. Sims, have spent much time in Washington since Mr. Biddle entered the hospital.

**U. S. HERO CROSS
FOR ROOSEVELT**

Awarded D. S. C. for Extraordinary Heroism Near Cantigny.

The award by President Wilson of the Distinguished Service Cross to Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., for extraordinary heroism near Cantigny, France, May 28, 1918, was announced yesterday by the War Department.

"After the completion of a raid, Roosevelt exposed himself to intense machine gun, rifle and grenade fire while he went forward and assisted in rescuing a wounded member of the raiding party," the announcement said. "At Soissons, July 19, 1918, he personally led the assault companies of his battalion, and although wounded in the knee he refused to be evacuated until carried off the field."

**MOORE SCORES
PLAN TO RAISE
D. C. TAX RATE**

Representative Wants Capital Given Delegate to Congress.

CUTS MADE IN BILL

House Refuses to Increase Salaries of Commissioners to \$6,000.

Charging that Congress is making a political experiment of the District and pointing out the need of a delegate to represent the National Capital in Congress, Representative R. Walton Moore, of Virginia, on the floor of the House yesterday scored members who propose to increase taxes in the District.

"The proposal to increase the tax rate on real and tangible personal property," he said, "is sudden and drastic. We ought not to make the District a political experiment farm. Instead of tinkering with the subject of taxation Congress should leave that to the District Commissioners, who have been delegated to administer the civic affairs of the community."

Mann Wants Fixed Ratio.

Mann, of Illinois, asked if there shouldn't be a fixed ratio between government and municipal appropriations if the commissioners were allowed to fix the tax rate. Moore agreed there should be.

"I think the present situation emphasizes the importance of the District being represented by a delegate in the House," Moore continued, "capable of engaging in discussions and furnishing first-hand information. This would not require a constitutional amendment or the right of suffrage."

"Such a delegate could be appointed by the President, on the recommendation of the commissioners and with suggestions from the various trade bodies and civic organizations. A spokesman for the District here would not only be of advantage to the community, but also to this body."

Wahls Opposes Increase.

When the District appropriation bill was reported out of the com-

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**BOARD OF MISSIONS
WILL AID SCHOOLS**

New York, March 27.—Seven schools in North Carolina, Virginia and Mississippi will divide \$600,000 allotted them by the Presbyterian Board of Missions, it was announced tonight. They are Biddle University, Charlotte, N. C.; Scotia Seminary, Concord, N. C.; Mary Allen Seminary, Crockett, Tex.; Ingleside Seminary, Burkeville, Va., and Mary Holmes Seminary, West Point, Miss., \$100,000 each; Albion Academy, Franklin, N. C., and Mary Potter Memorial, Oxford, N. C., \$50,000 each.

In addition, many of the 127 schools and 25 boarding schools operated by the Presbyterian board will be improved by the expending of \$200,000 more.

The sum of \$175,000 has been set aside for scholarships in the 127 boarding schools operated by the board in practically all the Southern States.

**Virginian Pleads
District's Cause**

Representative from Fairfax, Va., who made a scathing attack yesterday on members of Congress who would raise taxes in the District of Columbia without giving its inhabitants so much as a delegate to represent them in debates in Congress.

**WILSON KEEPING
PARTY PLAN
MYSTERY**

Silence on Third Term to Be Held Until Convention.

President Wilson does not propose to make public his political plans—either as to whether he will ask re-election or which candidate he will support—until shortly before the San Francisco convention.

This was the answer a prominent Congressional Democrat received from those close to the President in response to demands that Wilson state definitely whether he will run.

Likewise, the report is current among House Democrats that the President favors uninstructions delegates to the convention.

Part's Chances in Danger.

Meanwhile, the rebellious House Democrats who believe the President's silence is injuring their chances are planning a series of attacks against him on the floor. It was learned yesterday.

As the result of the harangue against the President in the House, unofficial word is being circulated at the Capitol that the President does not intend to ask for a third term, but that he feels to state so now would endanger his leadership of the party and obstruct his plan to have the convention endorse his course in the peace treaty fight.

Protects Treaty Stand.

Factions of the party, including the Senators who voted for the Lodge reservations, the majority of the House Democrats and the forces led by W. J. Bryan, apparently do not wish to make the peace treaty an issue, and the position of the President, as now being outlined, is that for him to announce that he is not in the race would give these elements a great advantage in striving to gain control of the party for the purpose of putting the treaty question in the background.

To back up the belief that the President will not ask for a third term, it is pointed out in administration quarters that if Wilson really contemplated such a step, Vance McCormick, manager of the last two Democratic campaigns, would not be actively boosting the candidacy of Attorney General Palmer. McCormick is considered close to the President, who was responsible for his selection as chairman of the Democratic National Committee in 1916.

The commission will leave probably late next month for an extended investigation of conditions in Russia.

Labor in Soviet Russia is being put on a military basis, according to advices yesterday to the State Department.

Four battalions of the Soviet army have been formed into labor units, one at Petrograd, one in the Don region, one in the Ukraine and one in Siberia, the advices said.

**FAST WAR STORES
HELD IN GERMANY
FOUND BY ALLIES**

Endeavor To Evade Peace Terms Indicated By Discovery, Linked With Information French Have Gleaned—Berlin Refused Permission To Send Troops Into Rhine Provinces—Mueller Fails in Effort To Form New Cabinet—Starvation And Fighting Continues.

London, March 27.—The situation in the German Rhine provinces, where radical workmen have refused to recognize the authority of the Berlin government, was described as "still very grave" in today's dispatches.

The allied committee in Paris today refused permission to the German government to send 75,000 reichswehr troops into the Rhine provinces to restore order there.

The efforts of Hermann Mueller to form a new cabinet have failed, a Berlin dispatch today said.

War Materials Found.

Advices from Paris state that great quantities of arms have been discovered in Germany by the allied officers charged with supervising execution of the peace treaty.

In Brandenburg and in the vicinity of Berlin, according to these advices, 3,500 three-inch field guns were found.

This discovery, with information obtained by the French authorities, is considered by allied officers to indicate that Germany is endeavoring to avoid executing the terms of the treaty of Versailles.

Legion May Be Called.

Karl Legien, labor leader, probably will be charged with reconstruction of the new cabinet, the dispatch said.

The workmen in the Rhine provinces apparently have decided that in view of the shaky position of the Berlin government they will continue to administer their own affairs, at least until some government is created with sufficient backing to insure an orderly administration of the country.

The red army, dispatches said, has broken the agreement made by some of its agents.

The allied decision, refusing permission to the German government to send troops into the Rhine provinces, followed Germany's refusal to allow entente forces to occupy the cities of Frankfurt and Darmstadt as a guarantee that any troops sent into the Ruhr district to overcome communist forces there would be withdrawn as soon as order was restored.

The allied governments, it is understood, took the position that they could not risk extended German occupation of this district. They are willing to aid the Berlin government by allowing it to send in as many troops as necessary, but only if Germany gave consent to the occupation of Frankfurt and Darmstadt by the allies.

This was refused by Germany and the allied refusal to allow entrance of the 75,000 German reichswehr followed.

Under the terms of the treaty of Versailles, Germany agreed not to have any armed forces in the Westphalian industrial district, where the communist workmen have not assumed control.

Independent Republic Likely.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Mayence said the belief prevailed there that the workmen's army in Westphalia will proclaim an independent republic in the near future.

Persons have been killed in West, twenty-five miles northwest of Essen, another dispatch said.

Possibility of a renewal of the general strike in Berlin as the result of the Ruhr and cabinet is foreseen. The cabinet was in existence less than twenty-four hours and resigned in the face of bitter attacks by the radical trade unionists.

The attack was centered on Dr. Otto Cuno, director of the Hamburg-American steamship lines.

The new German cabinet, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Times, probably will be as follows: Chancellor, Hermann Mueller; foreign affairs, Landsberg or Brockdorff-Rantau; interior, Kopp; posts and telegraphs, Giesberts; finance, Cuno; treasury, Wirth; justice, Heine; agriculture, Bauer; public works, Schmidt; reconstruction, Silberbachmidt; defense, Gessler.

Fighting for Food.

Red forces have refused to withdraw to the river Lippe. The food situation throughout the troubled area is acute. Elberfeld and Barmen reported their supplies of potatoes exhausted. Workers are requisitioning foods from the countryside.

Heavy fighting was reported near Muenster. The red army is reported to have occupied the towns of Bork, Offen, Haltern and Wolfen, in their efforts to obtain transportation for foodstuffs from the Dutch border.

Heavy fighting was reported along the Netherlands frontier, where Dutch military authorities posted strong guards.

**17 AVIATORS SEARCH
FOR MISSING FLIER**

Arcadia, Fla., March 27.—Seventeen army aviators, aided by Seminole Indians, continued their search for Lieut. Omar Niergarth, missing since Tuesday according to reports received at Carlstrom Field here today.

Niergarth, who left here Tuesday for Fort Myer, on a trial flight, is believed to have been forced down in some inaccessible spot in the swamps of Lee County.

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